

Idaho Red Meat Production Down 20 Percent

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Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for August 2003 totaled 44.7 million pounds, down 20 percent from last year according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. August production was down 11 percent from July's 50.4 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-August 2003 period totaled 394 million pounds, down 4 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in August, down 5 percent from the 4.14 billion pounds produced in August 2002. Beef production, at 2.33 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.13 million head, down 2 percent from August 2002. The average live weight was 1,225 pounds, down 34 pounds from August a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.56 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.04 million head, 6 percent below August 2002. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 260 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.7 million pounds, was down 6 percent from August 2002 and was a new monthly low. Sheep slaughter totaled 241,200 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, up 3 pounds from August a year ago. January-August red meat production was 31.0 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down slightly, pork was down slightly from last year, and lamb & mutton production was down 10 percent.

Commerical Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	August 2002	July 2003	August 2003	August 2003 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				August 2002	July 2003
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	117.7	122.3	115.5	98	94
Colorado	202.8	195.8	172.5	85	88
IDAHO	56.2	50.4	44.7	80	89
Illinois	221.0	209.2	205.2	93	98
Iowa	521.7	496.1	514.2	99	104
Kansas	522.6	545.2	534.8	102	98
Minnesota	188.1	190.3	178.8	95	94
Montana	1.6	1.4	1.5	94	105
Nebraska	694.7	657.7	625.6	90	95
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	113	100
Oklahoma	82.3	79.7	77.2	94	97
Oregon	3.9	3.9	3.6	92	93
South Dakota	83.1	81.0	78.8	95	97
Texas	461.1	469.1	448.4	97	96
Utah	46.8	39.7	35.5	76	89
Washington	63.7	52.0	48.3	76	93
Wyoming	0.9	0.6	0.9	107	160
UNITED STATES	4,139.6	4,046.1	3,912.9	95	97

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

2002 Idaho Potato Crop Valued at \$667 Million

The final value of Idaho's 2002 potato crop was \$667 million, \$72.3 million below 2001's value of \$739 million. The market year average price received by growers, of \$5.00 per cwt, was below the 2001 level of \$6.15 per cwt.

Idaho's growers sold 123 million cwt from their 2002 crop while using 1.44 million cwt on the farm for seed, feed and household consumption. The remaining 8.65 million cwt was lost to shrinkage, decay and dumping. Fresh market sales accounted for 35.0 million cwt of the 2002 crop, up from the 2001 crop, while

processing accounted for 78.2 million cwt, compared to 65.7 million cwt in 2001.

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used a total of 85.4 million cwt of 2002 crop potatoes compared to 73.4 million cwt used in 2001. Of the total processed, 78.2 million cwt (91.6 percent) were Idaho potatoes. In 2001, Idaho potatoes made up 89.5 percent of the total processed.

Idaho Milk Production Up 6.1 Percent

Idaho milk production during August 2003 totaled 767 million pounds, a 6.1 percent increase from the same month last year, but unchanged from July 2003. Production for July 2003 totaled 767 million pounds, unchanged from the preliminary estimate and 8.0 percent above July 2002. Average milk production per cow in August 2003 was 1,870 pounds, 40 pounds more than August 2002, but 10 pounds below July 2003. The average number of milk cows during August was 410,000 head, up 2,000 head from the previous month and 15,000 head more than August 2002.

Nationally, August milk production in the 20 major States totaled 12.1 billion pounds, down 0.8 percent from production in these same States in August 2002. July revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up 0.5 percent from July 2002. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,563 pounds for August 2003, 7 pounds below August 2002. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.76 million head, 26,000 head less than August 2002, and 6,000 head less than July 2003.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, August 2002-2003

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		2003 As Percent of 2002
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	150	150	1,785	1,665	268	250	93
California	1,651	1,696	1,810	1,740	2,988	2,951	99
Florida	149	140	1,195	1,160	178	162	91
IDAHO	395	410	1,830	1,870	723	767	106
Illinois	115	108	1,395	1,450	160	157	98
Indiana	148	143	1,410	1,470	209	210	100
Iowa	210	200	1,480	1,530	311	306	98
Kentucky	122	113	1,025	1,000	125	113	90
Michigan	301	298	1,680	1,705	506	508	100
Minnesota	485	475	1,410	1,445	684	686	100
Missouri	136	128	1,090	1,125	148	144	97
New Mexico	305	317	1,765	1,750	538	555	103
New York	676	678	1,505	1,480	1,017	1,003	99
Ohio	263	260	1,390	1,420	366	369	101
Pennsylvania	585	571	1,515	1,480	886	845	95
Texas	308	312	1,290	1,340	397	418	105
Vermont	154	148	1,450	1,450	223	215	96
Virginia	119	114	1,250	1,175	149	134	90
Washington	248	244	1,965	1,960	487	478	98
Wisconsin	1,265	1,254	1,470	1,480	1,860	1,856	100
20 STATE TOTAL	7,785	7,759	1,570	1,563	12,223	12,127	99

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 11 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on September 1, 2003 totaled 245,000 head, down 11 percent from the September 1, 2002 inventory. The inventory was up 2 percent from the number on hand August 1, 2003. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during August totaled 58,000 head, the same as August 2002 placements. Marketings during August totaled 52,000 head, down 15,000 from the August 2002 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.83 million head on September 1, 2003. The inventory was 3 percent below September 1, 2002 and 9 percent below

September 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.37 million, 7 percent above 2002 and 8 percent above 2001. Net placements were 2.31 million.

During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 592,000, 600-699 pounds were 529,000, 700-799 pounds were 659,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 594,000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.08 million, 3 percent below 2002 and 5 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during August, 40 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ^{1/}

State	September 1, 2002	August 1, 2003	September 1, 2003		
			Number	As % of 2002	As % of August
	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---		
Arizona	285	271	274	96	101
California	490	485	485	99	100
Colorado	1,000	860	900	90	105
Idaho	275	240	245	89	102
Iowa	310	*295	300	97	102
Kansas	2,230	2,180	2,250	101	103
Nebraska	1,850	1,570	1,660	90	106
New Mexico	114	116	121	106	104
Oklahoma	305	335	345	113	103
South Dakota	145	148	134	92	91
Texas	2,680	2,690	2,700	101	100
Washington	155	170	180	116	106
Other States	290	230	235	81	102
United States	10,129	*9,590	9,829	97	102

^{1/}Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. * Revised.

Frozen Potato Stocks

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on August 31, 2003, totaled 840 million pounds, a 2 percent decrease from July 31, 2003, but 5 percent above August 31, 2002. Other frozen potatoes, at 250 million pounds, decreased 8 percent from the previous month stocks but increased 3 percent from last year.

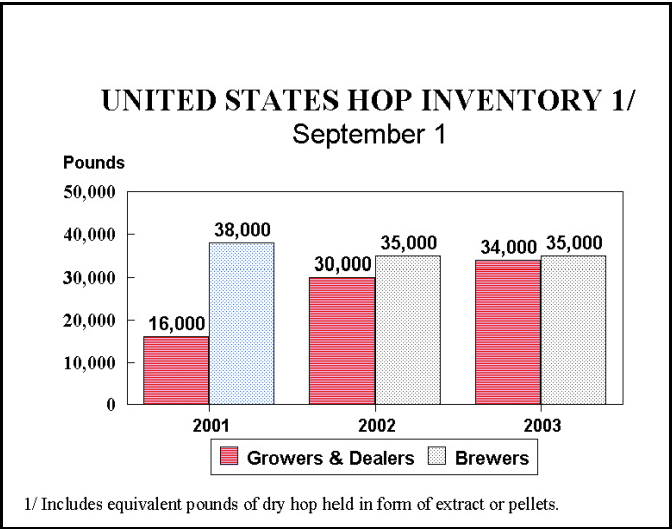
United States stocks of butter on August 31, 2003, totaled 257 million pounds, down 10 percent from the end of the previous month, but up 12 percent from August 31, 2002. Of this 257 million pounds, the government owned 9.57 million pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 538 million pounds, down 3 percent from July 31, 2003 and 5 percent below August 31, 2002. The government owned 8.68 million pounds of the American cheese stocks.

Commodity	Aug 31, 2002	July 31, 2003	Aug 31, 2003	2003
				2002
<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
POTATOES:				
French Fries	797,929	859,504	840,460	105
Other Frozen	242,662	270,935	250,310	103
Total	1,040,591	1,130,439	1,090,770	105
DAIRY				
Butter, Total	229,471	283,879	256,662	112
(Gov't Owned)	2,449	11,183	9,567	391
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	565,419	552,455	538,259	95
(Gov't Owned)	420	6,141	8,681	2,067

September 1 Hop Stocks Up 6 Percent From a Year Ago

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on September 1, 2003, totaled 69.0 million pounds, 6 percent greater than September 1, 2002 and 28 percent above September 1, 2001.

Stock held by brewers, at 35.0 million pounds, were unchanged from September 1, 2002 but 8 percent below September 1, 2001. Stocks held by growers and dealers on September 1, 2003, were 34.0 million pounds, 13 percent more than the stocks on hand last year, and more than double the hop stocks held two years ago.



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